

# THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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## THE NUGGET UPHELD

### McCook Libel Case Decided In Favor of the Defendants.

### THE STORY AS PUBLISHED WAS ABSOLUTELY TRUE.

### And the Jury Held That Its Publication Was Justified.

### The Reading of the Article Creates Mirth in Court—Attorney Pattullo Handles the Case in an Able Manner—The Judge's Instructions to the Jury—How the Verdict Was Received.

The trial of the criminal libel action brought by James Church McCook, the American Consul to Dawson, against Eugene C. Allen and A. F. George, manager and city editor, respectively, of the KLONDIKE NUGGET, took place before Judge Dugas, of the Territorial court, and a large audience of interested—even excited—people on Thursday last.

The result was an acquittal of the defendants, a complete vindication of the course of the NUGGET in its exposure of the official's misconduct, and a rebuke to Consul McCook that would have been stunning to a man of fairly sensitive perception.

That the verdict was acceptable and gratifying to the onlookers was attested in the liveliest manner; and that it was just and proper no one doubted who heard the evidence or the nearly two dozen witnesses who contributed to the erection of as complete a legal fabric as was ever designed by human skill.

The trial also proved a testimonial of the highest nature to the thoroughness, accuracy and reliability of the NUGGET's news service; for the evidence showed that every one of the hundreds of statements contained in the principal article constituting the alleged libel was absolutely true—so much so that the presiding judge was impelled, in his summing up of the evidence, to tell the jurors that they might consider all the allegations as proven beyond question.

The objectionable articles were read aloud by the clerk, and the audience was convulsed with mirth. The prosecutor, Consul McCook, was present at the time, but his bowed head showed plainly that he appreciated his position at last, and he disappeared entirely after the charges had been so fully verified by the first witness.

After the reading of the indictments, the case against E. C. Allen was first called, and the jury, consisting of R. Turner, F. J. King, F. J. Brew, T. L. Evans, H. Degrais and S. Tolmar, were sworn. Attorney A. G. Smith, counsel for Consul McCook, then addressed the jurors and described to them what he purposed showing and proving. That he failed in his expectations will appear later on.

When he had finished speaking he was followed by Attorney Pattullo, counsel for the defense, who quietly filed a special supplementary plea setting up justification for the alleged libels. He said that it was his purpose, first to prove all the statements of fact in the several NUGGET articles, and second to show that the publications were designed for the public benefit, and hence, under the existing conditions, were justified.

Attorney Smith was taken aback and evidently disconcerted by this unexpected action, and argued for the dismissal of the special plea, which he denominated as "unique."

Judge Dugas ruled that the pleading was supported by law, and that it would be allowed to go before the jury for their determination. However, he allowed the attorney ten minutes in which to prepare a demurrer, after which the case was proceeded with.

PROSECUTION SURPRISINGLY WEAK. The first witness called by the prosecution was Clarence Clifford, steward of the Dawson club, who identified a copy of the NUGGET of April 12, in which appeared the obnoxious articles and cartoon.

Geo. E. Storey, foreman of the NUGGET office, followed. He testified that he did not know

who set the type for the articles, and that Defendant Allen is manager of the paper.

Harry I. Clegg, stenographer in Magistrate Harper's court proved the stenographic report of the evidence in the preliminary examination, and the testimony of E. C. Allen in the case of Defendant George was read by him, with the intent of showing Defendant Allen's responsibility for the publications. It was as follows:

Eugene C. Allen on his oath says as follows: My occupation is printer by trade. I am the manager of the KLONDIKE NUGGET. It is sometimes customary and sometimes not to insert the names of the paper's management on the head of the paper. That name on Exhibit I was inserted with my approval as manager, and the accused is the A. F. George mentioned on the paper. I take the responsibility of the editorial myself.

Q. Do you know who was the writer of this editorial [Exhibit I]?

A. I do not know who was the writer of the article referred to.

Q. To whom would you have to refer to ascertain that?

A. I would have to refer back to the copy. That copy has been used, to the best of my knowledge and belief, to light the fires. I place no one in charge. I do not delegate the writing of the editorials to any particular one. I do not look to anyone in particular for the editorial.

Q. Whom would you go to, from your knowledge of the management of the paper, when inquiring about an editorial?

A. I do not think I would need to inquire.

Q. To whom would you go?

A. The staff is not so extensive but that I could go the rounds. I might call them all together. There is no particular responsibility between the members of the staff.

Q. Do you give personal attention to the articles which appear in this paper?

A. I do, and before they appear.

Q. Whom do you consult with as to what shall appear in the editorial column?

A. No one has authority but myself. Anything that appears goes with my authority back of it.

Q. To whom do you repose the duty of attending to any particular branch when you are not present?

A. Each individual member attends to his own business. Each man has his own branch, and they are all responsible to me.

Q. Did you have any connection with this cartoon which is inserted?

A. I did not.

Witness Clifford showed a cartoon consisting of a figure dancing on a flag-draped coffin and labeled "Here Lies American Dignity," which he said showed some resemblance to Consul McCook.

That was the whole case offered by the prosecution and the defense could hardly credit their hearing when Attorney Smith made the announcement.

Attorney Pattullo did not move for a dismissal of the action, as he would have been justified in doing, but contented himself with pointing out that the evidence utterly failed to show defendant's responsibility for the publications or that he was in any position of responsibility toward the paper on the day they appeared.

The court also took a charitable view of the prosecution and allowed the case to go on, only remarking that counsel for the consul might have brought stronger evidence to show that Defendant Allen was in a position of responsibility on the occasion of the alleged libels and the jury would be allowed to pass judgment on the question.

"AND HE HAD A GLORIOUS TIME." The defense then took the helm and proceeded with the evidence that was to establish the triumph of the NUGGET. The first witness called to the stand was Pearl Hall, one of the girls at the Phoenix dance hall, where Consul McCook had indulged in the drunken and disgraceful revelry which called out the objectionable articles. She spoke clearly, pointedly and intelligently. "I saw Consul McCook enter the Phoenix on the occasion in question," she testified. "It was about 3:30 o'clock in the morning. He was accompanied by Gertrude Lovejoy, known as 'Diamond Tooth Gertrude.' They went to the bar and drank a bottle of wine, after which the consul danced with me and we had a bottle of wine. He was intoxicated and very jolly. The next I remember of him was when everyone was dancing; I spoke to him about being Consul McCook. He invited me to take another drink and then the other girls, coming up and saying they were Americans, were all invited to drink. A young man came in as the consul was asking 'Who is not an American?' The young man said he was not, but that he was a Canadian. The consul said he would rectify the mistake at once and make him one. They began to scuffle in a friendly way, I supposed, but the consul finally got angry over something that was said, forced the young man into the corner occupied by the Nugget Express, and they would have gone through the window had it not been for Mr. McDonald. The two then had several rounds of drinks, but the trouble continued all night. Later on I saw the two men and Peter Burke, the porter, in a bunch on the floor of the dance hall. Several other men took hold of them and dragged them into the bar-room. Soon after that the consul was again drinking at the bar with the girls and gave them some quarters and other pieces of money he had about him. When they were all gone he gave them a lot of nuggets and one of them his watch. Presently he threw up both hands and exclaimed 'Take the whole works.' [Titters and laughter.] They did it, too, turning all his pockets inside out, but they were empty. [More laughter.] The consul was laughing all the time. Soon after that he and Peter the porter got mixed up and were scuffling and rolling about on the floor as drunken men will. The next thing I noticed was that the consul had a small American flag, The Stars and Stripes, pinned to his back. He

was then placing his hands on the bar telling Pete to kick him and leaning over so that he would have a good square show. Peter then ran from the other side of the room and kicked the consul. Both were nearly knocked over the bar. The consul laughed and encouraged Pete to continue kicking him. Mr. McDonald tried to get them to stop, but they wouldn't. There was a big crowd present and everybody was laughing. The last time I saw the consul he was at the bar drinking and still cutting up. That was about 6:30 a. m. Witness then told of the girls being summoned to Col. Steele's office for the inquiry into the whereabouts of the consul's watchchain.

This testimony confirmed nearly every statement made by the NUGGET relative to the consul's revelry at the Phoenix, and its effect was sensational in the extreme. The prosecution hadn't a word to say in the way of cross-examination, while a buzz of noises told of the excitement under which a large number of spectators were laboring.

THE EVIDENCE ACCUMULATES.

Florence Lamar, another of the Phoenix girls, told of the consul falling to the floor while he was dancing and of her assisting in helping him to his feet. Witness did not share in the distribution of the nuggets, but saw the consul turn his back to the bar and throw up both hands, with the remark, "Take the whole works," or "Take the whole cheese." Witness described graphically the picture of the consul being kicked by Pete, the porter. The consul had his hands on the bar and was bent over with his head half turned to Pete, who was running across the floor. Miss Lamar's happy style of description was too much for her hearers, and it was necessary for the police to suppress the tumult of mirth that followed.

Nellie James and Edward Cowley substantiated all of the testimony given. Concerning the consul's condition, the last-named witness said he was not awfully drunk when he came in, but that after he had drunk the wine he got pretty drunk.

F. J. Britt was in the Phoenix on the occasion in question. He did not know the man who was making all the fun, but a friend said who he was and asked: "What do you think of our American consul?" (This was objected to.) He heard Pete, the porter, say to the consul: "I am an American; you and I come from the same part of the country and you have got to be kicked." The kicking followed, and witness was so convulsed with mirth over the affair that he sat down on a bench and laughed so much he couldn't keep track of subsequent events.

Walter Ritter testified substantially as did the others, confirming all the statements of the NUGGET relating to the affair at the Phoenix.

Hattie Lee saw the scuffling, drinking and kicking, but not the other happenings.

P. A. McDonald met the consul at the door as the latter entered with Gertrude. He appeared to be under the influence of liquor. Witness asked him if he knew where he was, and the consul replied, "Yes; I am having a good time to-night." Witness then told of the consul drinking, of his demanding who was not an American, of the trouble with the young man, etc. The consul had his hat and coat off and a small American flag was pinned to his back. Witness didn't know whether it was pinned on him there or somewhere else. Witness was finally holding the young Canadian down while two of the consul's friends took him away by the rear door.

George Fudges testified that he was one of the men who picked up the consul and carried him from the dance hall.

Harvey H. Brown, a miner, told of seeing most of the events described, as also did Wm. Hudson, one of the Phoenix musicians, Joseph Carr, bookkeeper at the Phoenix, Reuben Lyons, William Pasor and others.

Attorney Pattullo then changed the scene from the Phoenix to the foot of the alley behind the Aurora, and introduced evidence to prove the NUGGET's statements of the consul's doings there.

John A. Glover testified that on the morning in question he was a bartender at the Rochester bar and saw Consul McCook emerge from the alley some time between 7 and 8 o'clock. The consul attempted to walk across the street, but couldn't do it, fell down and finally made his way clear across the street on his hands and knees. He went into the saloon where witness was, asked for whisky, but was refused. The consul then sat down, bowed his head and said: "Kick me if you want to." After being there about half an hour the consul started up the stairs to his room, but fell down en route.

The court here raised objection to evidence of that nature, and insisted that the testimony should be limited to the allegations in the alleged libel.

Mr. Fields of the Aurora told of seeing the consul's doings on Second street. A large crowd of people were gathered about looking on.

The defense had a dozen other witnesses, but did not put them on the stand.

Corporal Wilson substantiated the NUGGET's statement of the police inquiry into the whereabouts of the consul. All that the inquiry developed was that the consul still had his chain when he left the Phoenix. Nothing else came of the inquiry.

Attempt was made by calling Colonel Miles to the stand to show that the obnoxious publications were endorsed by the American residents of the Klondike and that they were for the public benefit, but he was not allowed to give an opinion.

THE SUMMING UP.

The evidence being all in, Attorney Pattullo took the floor and presented a recapitulation to the jury. It was a clean cut, comprehensive, logical and eloquent argument, and carried conviction to the minds of the jurors. He began with a reading of the complaint, which specified that the obnoxious articles were libelous because they imputed to Consul McCook habits of drunkenness, etc. The evidence, he said, and the reading of the articles showed that this was not true. The local article related solely to the occurrences of one night, were published with evident reluctance and no indication of malice whatever, but solely for the benefit of the public. The articles were true in the ordinary sense, and had been so proven by a long list of unimpeachable witnesses. Indeed, the testimony showed that unusual care had been taken in the preparation of the articles. The articles also dealt with the doings of the consul in his official and not his private capacity. The evidence showed that, while at the Phoenix, he exploited himself as the American consul, bought drinks for all who declared themselves to be Americans, etc.

He then presented citations to show that newspaper statements are not libelous when shown that they were published for the benefit of the public and that the plea of justification on those grounds shall constitute a defense. On that point he alluded to the fact that the majority of residents of the territory are Americans, and that it was their right to know through the public press that the representative of their country was bringing disgrace upon it and upon them. Were the positions reversed, he said, and the juror living in the United States, where an accredited agent of the Canadian government misbehaved himself as Consul McCook did, the jurors would be the first to say that such conduct ought to be published, in order that he might be removed from office, if nothing else. It may be, he said, that the publication of the articles in question will result in Consul McCook's recall, and he would submit that such a step would be for the public good.

In reference to the cartoon in the NUGGET entitled "The Eagle's Drooped Wings" and the cartoon entitled "Here Lies U. S. Dignity," the attorney held that the former contained no misstatements, as they had all been proven.

At the conclusion of the address Attorney Lisle made a lengthy argument for the prosecution.

THE CHARGE TO THE JURY.

His lordship's charge to the jury was considered by the attorneys and others present as a most impartial delivery. The clearness and lucidity with which the laws were expounded cleared up a number of more or less knotty points which might otherwise have puzzled the jury.

He directed their attention to the point as to whether the responsibility for the insertion of the alleged libel had been definitely established. To his lordship's mind there was still a lingering doubt as to the prosecution's success in this respect. It was for the jury to determine whether the evidence as brought forward had definitely determined the responsibility of the defendant. As to the libelous character of the articles and cartoon in question, the judge said there was no division of opinion. Both the prosecution and the defense were agreed that the printed articles and cartoon alike were essentially libelous.

But the law justified a libelous publication under certain circumstances. It must be shown conclusively that the libelous articles were true in every respect. It was not sufficient that a portion of what had been printed was true, but each and every assertion of a libelous nature must be established beyond doubt. Unfortunately for the prosecution, the defense had succeeded remarkably well in proving the truth of the assertions made in the publication in question. "Yes," continued his lordship, "it may be well for us to consider who there is among us that should cast the first stone."

But not only must the truth of the libel be shown, in order that a return for the defense might be made, but it must be proven as well that the libelous articles were published for the sake of the public good. It was good law that the acts of a public man while acting in his capacity as such were legitimate objects for attack and comment by the public press. It must not be forgotten that the liberties which we as a race enjoy have been gained and guaranteed to us largely through the instrumentality of the press. For this reason the law, as well as public opinion, conceded to a newspaper a certain amount of liberty in the criticism of public men. As to the contention of the learned counsel for the prosecution that Col. McCook could not, from the nature of his position, be considered a public man, his lordship was of the contrary opinion. Col. McCook was present in Dawson advertising himself as

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**SHOULD BE REPRESENTED.**  
No organized effort has as yet been made to secure an exhibit of the resources of the Klondike at the Paris exhibition. Of the millions who will assemble to witness the glories of that occasion a very large percentage will expect to see the Klondike well represented with a display of its resources. It is essentially a matter to which the government should give attention. Should the initiative be taken by the local representatives of the federal authorities there is little doubt that sufficient support could be secured from those residents who are able and willing to further public enterprises to insure success to the undertaking. We are informed that the Yukon & White Pass Railway Co. will furnish free transportation over their line to any exhibit that may be started, besides giving assistance of a more substantial character should it be required. Doubtless other transportation companies will grant similar concessions should they be sought.

We think it generally conceded that there is room for an almost unlimited amount of capital to secure profitable investment in the Klondike. To induce this money to come the advantages of the country must be proven to capitalists, and certainly no better means of doing so could be found than a representative exhibit at the Paris exhibition, where holders of money seeking investment will be present from all over the world.

Dawson is unfortunate in not having a chamber of commerce or board of trade to take such enterprises in hand. But, lacking these, we believe there is sufficient public spirit in the town to push this particular affair to a successful close should the government manifest a willingness to lend its support.

### THE NEW ALASKA CODE.

Newspapers and citizens of Alaska are fighting the new law that has been passed for the government of that territory. The law is a most obnoxious one, and seems to have been placed upon the statute books, as have many of our own regulations, without definite information as to the conditions they were required to meet. Nearly all classes of business are required to pay an annual tax. For example, breweries are charged \$500 per year; gas or other lighting plants, \$300; drug stores, \$50; billiard rooms, \$25 per table; steamboats, \$1 per ton; hotels, \$50; mercantile establishments doing a business of \$100,000 per year, \$500; establishments doing a business of \$50,000 per year, \$250; sawmills, 10 cents per 1,000 feet of lumber; toll road or trail, \$200—and so on through a list which includes every form of business activity possible in the community.

Commenting upon the new code, the Portland Oregonian has the following to say:

"The scheme is one of taxation without representation in a form quite as injurious and irritating as the British navigation laws against which the American colonists rebelled. Furthermore, it proposes to take out of the little pioneer community of Southeastern Alaska a sum variously estimated from \$100,000 to \$300,000 per year and give it to the federal government, leaving the people to provide in any fashion they choose for local police, fire protection, street grading, public education, etc. The explanation is that the law was made in a hurry; that it was not intended to injure the business of Alaska, and least of all to violate a fundamental principle of American government. This, the Alaskan says, and with a warmth entirely pardonable, is no excuse at all. Congress has no business to legislate for a community without recourse against its exactions, in earnest haste; and in the thirty and more years since Alaska has been American territory there has been abundant time for careful, orderly and well-considered legislation."

### TOURIST TRAVEL.

There will be no great rush of immigration to the Klondike this summer, as happened last year. The reports of the thousands who went out a year ago after selling their outfits have had a tendency to discourage anything in the nature of a stampede to this country. Added to this is the fact that times as a whole are better throughout the States and Canada than for a number of years past, the result being that men who otherwise might leave for the north on a prospecting venture are profitably employed in the various lines of industry.

It is quite probable, however, that a considerable tourist travel will set in from the States as soon as the rails are laid connecting Bennett lake with Skagway. It is confidently announced by the railway company that the completion of the road will be effected by July 1, thus enabling the journey to be made from New York or any other outside point to Dawson, the entire distance by rail and steamer.

Excursion companies are already investigating the field to ascertain what the facilities are for handling large business with the intention

of organizing parties to visit Dawson, coming in via Skagway and returning via St. Michael. Undoubtedly the Yukon river, in the 2600 miles of its length, possesses scenic attractions which far excel those of more famed routes of tourist travel. From the very beginning of the journey at the head of Lake Bennett the eyes of the tourist are gratified by a constantly varying panorama of natural beauty. The distant mountain ranges, the precipitous cliffs which line the banks, resembling ruined embattlements more than the handiwork of nature, the frequently occurring rapids, and the continuous winding and twisting of the river all contribute to the enjoyment of the observer. Added to this is the fact that the Yukon has always been a source of mystery to the average citizen on the outside. All he knew of the river and the mighty stretches of country through which it flows was gleaned from tales of Arctic explorers. That interior Alaska should ever become accessible to the ordinary traveler was a thing undreamt until the Klondike was discovered and the story of its hidden wealth scattered broadcast over the earth. Within a single twelve month it has been made as convenient for the tourist to penetrate into the very heart of the land of the midnight sun as to visit and observe the natural wonders of Yellowstone park.

Dawson is well equipped to take care of any number of tourists who may come in. There is plenty to interest and entertain them in the town and on the creeks, and all who take their summer vacation in a town of the Yukon may be assured of time well and profitably spent.

OPERATORS of steamboat lines on the Yukon should not forget that the travelling public demand just as good fare between Dawson and Bennett or St. Michael's, as upon the steamers plying on the coast between Seattle and Skagway. The supposition that "anything is good enough for a Klondiker" is an exploded theory. The average Klondiker does not object to paying a good stiff price for what he receives, but having paid that he is entitled to the very best that can be obtained. Last summer considerable complaint was heard as to the character of the food served on some of the steamers. There can be no excuse for such a condition this year, and to retain their patronage the steamboat managers must see to it that the accommodations for their passengers are first-class in every respect.

THE United States, as a whole, is enjoying a greater measure of prosperity at the present time than at any previous period since 1891. In all the great financial centers money is plentiful and easier to secure than for years. Crops generally throughout the country have been good, and the outlook for industries of all kinds becomes constantly brighter. This condition has resulted in a large increase in speculative investments, which by many people is accepted as an indication of a crash to come later on. We doubt, however, if this will occur. The hard times beginning in 1892 are still fresh in the minds of the people, and no further object lesson of a similar kind is desired.

SENATOR MATT QUAY, of Pennsylvania, has been acquitted of the charge of conspiring to use state funds for his own personal benefit. Quay was standing for reelection to the senate at the time of his trial. Until his acquittal no election could take place, as many of the members of the legislature refused to vote for Quay until his innocence was proven. The legislature adjourned before the trial came to an end, but immediately upon Quay's acquittal Gov. Stone appointed him to fill the now existing vacancy. It is very doubtful if he will be seated, as several precedents to the contrary have already been established.

THERE will be rejoicing on the outside when it is known that the outlook for typhoid is not nearly so bad as has been anticipated. The reports which went out last summer as to the lack of proper sanitary precautions in Dawson, and the consequent prevalence of disease, frightened many of those on the outside who have friends and relatives in Dawson. Proper food and water, with attention paid to personal cleanliness, will do more to ward off disease than all the drugs that will ever be brought to Dawson.

TO CORRECT a wrong impression which seems to have gone abroad, it may be well to inform the public that Goddard, the murderer of James Prater, has never been connected with the NUGGET office in any capacity whatever, and in fact was unknown to the management of this paper until the murder occurred. Mr. Prater, the victim of this terrible deed, had for some time been in the employ of the NUGGET as a compositor, and was a faithful, steady and conscientious worker.

Work is progressing rapidly upon the new telegraph line between Bennett and Dawson. There is already a line in operation between the former place and Skagway. It is confidently expected by the government contractors that they will complete the stringing of wires to Dawson by November 1. When that is done, and communication thus established with the outside world, the development of the Klondike may be said to be well under way.

A NEW fraternal society has been organized in Skagway, the intention being to include in its membership citizens of Alaska and the Yukon Territory. The society is known as the Arctic Brotherhood. There is one lodge at Skagway, another at Bennett, and it is understood that a third will be organized in Dawson at an early date.

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DAWSON, Y. T., SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1899

GODDARD IS HELD FOR MURDER.

Coroner's Jury Investigates the Killing of Jas. Prater.

The Story as Detailed in the Nugget's "Extras" Borne Out by the Evidence--A Plea of Insanity Will Be Presented.

Coroner Frank Harper conducted an inquest on Thursday night on the remains of James P. Prater, whose murder is detailed on the third page of this paper. The jury consisting of Wm. Falkner, James Nichol, George McKay, A. H. Brenner, W. D. Bruce and Harry Domville...

Albert Anderson, a cabin partner of Prater and Goddard, testified that he got up at about 9 o'clock and went down town at once. He did not eat breakfast and did not light a fire, though fire was found in the stove an hour and a half later, when the police got there. Prater and Goddard were in bed and he did not speak to either.

Hill further testified that Goddard represented a claim on Gold Run for him during the winter, and he acted so strangely there that one of the men, at least, was afraid of him and would not work in the shaft if Goddard was at the windlass.

Dr. Thompson told of having examined the body. Deceased was lying in bed with his clothes on; the face was to the wall, and the head hung down in such a way as to partially stay the flow of blood. The skull was crushed in several places and the throat was badly cut, the weapon used having severed the windpipe and nearly passed through the spinal column. Either of the wounds was fatal, though deceased might have lived a few hours after the wounds were received. The wounds could not have been self-inflicted. Goddard talked rationally when questioned, and did not appear excited. He would not venture an off-hand opinion on the question of the man's sanity.

Corporal Wilson told of going to the cabin when Hill reported the murder and placing the bleeding man on the floor, where he died ten minutes later. He found the razor and hatchet with which the deed was committed and heard Goddard making the admissions reported on third page.

On this evidence the jury brought in a verdict that Prater came to his death by being murdered by Arthur Goddard.

Goddard was present at the inquest, sitting with his head on his hand, his eyes on the floor and in every manner showing the deepest dejection.

He was represented by an attorney, who will put up a plea of insanity.

Goddard, it is said, had been for some time without clothes or money and almost no food. It is believed by some that he upbraided Prater for neglecting him and that the murder followed while Goddard was in a state of frenzy, due to brooding and probably fresh aggravation.

Shipping News. Messrs. Hamilton, LeBlanc and McGrade are now the owners and operators of the steamer W. K. Merwin. The boat wintered at the mouth

of the Hootalinqua, and is expected to arrive in Dawson within a few days. The new owners have expended a large amount of money, time and energy in refitting the Merwin, and those who are familiar with her will scarcely recognize the boat when they see her again. Dr. LeBlanc will run on the boat as purser.

The Bennett Lake & Klondike Navigation Co. made the last trip of the season to the outside last year with the Flora, and this season were first into port with the same little craft.

The steamer Sovereign arrived in on Thursday night from her winter quarters at Circle City. When the river broke up a couple of weeks ago, the boat was carried eight miles down the river by the ice pack. Release was effected by the captain and crew cutting the ice away from the boat, and a large field of ice crowding the boat into a slough.

The steamer Victoria, of the Empire line, was hung up high and dry at Circle City, and may not get into the water for several weeks.

The steamer Tyrrell left for White Horse Rapids from the Bodega docks on Thursday. A band accompanied the boat to Klondike City, and played "God Save the Queen" as the flag at the barracks was dipped by Constable Skirving in response to a like courtesy from the boat.

The steamer Lightning arrived down from her winter quarters on Thursday and tied up at Klondike City.

The Eldorado is due to leave for the White Horse at 11 o'clock today, and the Canadian will follow suit shortly after.

At 6 o'clock Friday evening the steamer Ride-out of the C. Y. T. Co., and the Monarch of the Columbia Navigation Co., arrived in together from their winter quarters at Dahl river and Minook, respectively. The latter had quite a number of passengers aboard.

Thirteen steamers now lie at the docks of Dawson and Klondike city.

Notice to Printers. The printers of the Klondike are invited to meet at the Nugget office Saturday, at 12:30 p.m., and proceed thence in a body to the undertaker's and attend the funeral of the late James P. Prater.

Drowned in the Klondike. At 7:30 Friday evening Wm. Smith of Ottawa, was drowned in the Klondike. He and partners were in a boat near the bridge. Through some accident the boat was overturned. Two of the occupants were rescued through the efforts of bystanders but Mr. Smith succumbed to the chill of the icy waters before help could reach him.

Accident on Gold Hill. J. H. Howell, an employe of Mr. Cavanaugh on Gold Hill, was seriously injured on May 30 by falling some sixty feet down a shaft. The accident occurred through the parting of a splice in a rope. Both of Howell's legs were broken below the knee and his left ankle was dislocated. The injured man has a wife and family in Seattle.

Information Wanted. Information is wanted at police headquarters concerning the following persons: Thomas A. Woodruff, Charles A. Swensen, George W. Lashus, W. R. J. Hawtery, Alexander Smith, B. Honda.

Small Fire. Fire was discovered Friday forenoon in the roof of the building on Second street occupied

by the Klondike, Yukon and Stewart Pioneers. Limited. Already a respectable blaze was in progress, but a supply of water kept for fire protection enabled the occupants of the place and several neighbors to put it out before the arrival of the firemen.

NOTICE. Sale of Town Lots.

A public auction sale will be held at the Crown Timber and Land Agent's office, at Dawson, on Tuesday, the 20th of June next, 1899, at 10 o'clock a.m., and on following day, if necessary, when all the town lots in government addition and Klondike City not sold previous to that date, together with any improvements on such lots, will be offered for sale and adjudicated to the highest bidder.

The terms of sale will be half cash, and the other half in one year from the sale, together with interest at six per cent thereon.

The lots which are not yet sold are the following ones, to-wit:

- 1. In Government addition to Dawson: Block C, lots 2 and 6. Block D, lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Block E, lots 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22. Block G, lot 9. Block J, lots 8, 9, 10. Block K, lots 4, 5. Block L, lots 4, 7, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. Block M, lot 11. Block N, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Block O, lots 5, 11, 13. Block P, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26. Block Q, lot 14. Block R, lots 1 to 10, inclusive. Block S, lots 3 to 13, inclusive. Block T, lots 1, 2, 3, 24, 25, 26. Block U, lots 14, 15, 16. Block V, lots 1, 2, 3, 9, 10. Block W, lots 2, 8, 13. Block X, lots 7, 9. Block Y, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10. Block Z, lots 1, 2, 14. Block 1, lots 4, 8, 12, 13. Block 2, lots 4, 6, 7, 8, 9. Block 3, lots 1, 2, 13, 14. Block 4, lots 6, 8. Block 5, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 17, 19. Block 6, lots 9, 17, 18, 19. Block 7, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18. Block 8, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Block 9, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8. Block 10, lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 16, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. Block 11, lots 1 to 13 inclusive, and 15 to 54. Block 12, lots 1 to 25 inclusive, and 27 to 32. Block 13, lots 1 to 12, inclusive. Block 14, lots 1 to 14, inclusive. Block 15, lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 to 14. Block 16, lots 1 to 9. The size of these lots and the upset price at which they will be offered for sale can be known by applying at this office. Dawson, 1st May, 1899. F. X. GOSSELIN, Crown Timber and Land Agent.

Going Home? The steamer Seattle No. 3, will sail for St. Michael on or about June 12, making close connections with ocean steamship for Seattle and coast points. For rates and tickets apply F. W. Arnold, Agent S. Y. T. Building, water front, opp. A. C. Co.

Public Notice. The sale of Town Lots by the Government, advertised in the KLONDIKE NUGGET for the last two issues, to take place on first of June, has been postponed until the 20th June, 1899, at ten o'clock a.m., when all lots then unsold will be put up for sale, with improvements thereon. The postponement of that sale is made on account of a number of cabin owners on these lots advertised for sale being engaged at present in the wash-up on the creeks, and in order to give these people full opportunity of being present when the sale takes place, or of purchasing beforehand the lots on which their cabins are located. F. X. GOSSELIN, Crown Timber and Land Agent. Dawson, 1st June, 1899.

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Dissolution of Partnership. The partnership existing between Ed. Lewin and Joseph Cooper has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All bills due the old firm will be collected and outstanding obligations paid by Ed. Lewin. Ed. LEWIN, Dawson, May 10, 1899. JOE COOPER. "Fly on the Flyers with me."

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JAMES PRATER FOUND HIS SKULL IS CRUSHED... The Murderer Admits His Razor and a Hair in the Bloody Tragedy... The most horrid occurred to stain the record was committed so and nine o'clock Wednesday. The victim was James Prater, a compositor and previously a well known Juneau, Alaska. Prater had been seen to the trail leading to the way between the auxiliary and the top of the bluff where Arthur Goddard came in with him, and Prater worked at his until about nine o'clock the paper was published in the company of a dozen or so friends close to the office, the resorts about town. At about half-past ten according to the clock he started for and nothing more was news of his horrid police at about half-past ten. DISCOVERY As near as can be ascertained Prater and Goddard were in the town. George Hill named, had occasion entering he was seen "Jimmy's" throat is of the case." Hill stayed only himself that he hurried down town street, and hastened to the parley, hastened then went to the hospital. Captain Harper scene, and upon Wilson of the town Prater lay in the cabin, curled up breathing, but peared on the left gation disclosed left side of the body, as if from and struggling that was passing. As Captain Harper served standing table. His attitude an open confession, cers was moved. Without any hands still holding Goddard replied. While Goddard of one of the bleeding man of the floor, W. Thompson of alive, but his away, and as a feeble gasp indicated that their arrival. Attention was abruptly inquired on the head. "A hatchet cally. The captain and, seeing there his lying again was a large evidence of specks of blood at the back of the neck. The notice that he had found by the. In the searching inflicted the hatchet the head few minutes discovery razor, which Captain again. "Why with?" Goddard over to the eye and not appeared. Then the "Is this "Yes, "Why "I was me." w Captain arrael

### JAMES PRATER FOULLY MURDERED.

#### His Skull Is Crushed and Throat Horribly Gashed.

#### The Murderer Admits His Guilt to the Officers—A Razor and a Hatchet Were Employed in the Bloody Tragedy—May Be Crazy.

The most horrid murder which has yet occurred to stain the record of the Yukon Territory was committed some time between eight and nine o'clock Wednesday morning.

The victim was James P. Prater, for several weeks past a compositor in the Nugget office, and previously a well known newspaper man of Juneau, Alaska.

Prater had been occupying a cabin adjacent to the trail leading to the ferry, and about half way between the auxiliary A. C. warehouses and the top of the bluff back of Dawson. With him were Arthur Goddard, a Seattle boy who came in with him, and Albert Anderson.

Prater worked at his case in the Nugget office until about nine o'clock last night—at which hour the paper was put to press—and then left in the company of another compositor. He spent the next two hours and a half with a dozen or so friends engaged in athletic sports close to the office, then visited several pleasure resorts about town.

At about half-past one o'clock in the morning—according to the best obtainable information—he started for his cabin on the hillside, and nothing more was known of him until the news of his horrid murder was conveyed to the police at about half-past eleven.

#### DISCOVERY OF THE MURDER.

As near as can be found out at this hour, Anderson got up and left the cabin ahead of Prater and Goddard, and went down town. George Hill, a friend of the three named, had occasion later to go to the cabin at about 10:30 o'clock and upon entering he was accosted by Goddard, who said: "Jimmy's throat is cut; I want you to take care of the case."

Hill stayed only long enough to convince himself that the man spoke the truth, then hurried down town; he met Anderson on the street, and hastily informed him that "Prater was murdered." The two, without parley, hastened to return to the cabin and then went to the barracks and told their terrible story.

Captain Harper at once prepared to go to the scene, and upon arriving there found Corporal Wilson of the town station in charge.

Prater lay in his bunk at the south end of the cabin, curled up and unconscious, he was still breathing, but a horrid, gaping wound appeared on the left side of the neck and investigation disclosed another terrible wound on the left side of the head, where the skull was fractured as if from a heavy blow. He was alive and struggling for breath, but oblivious to all that was passing about him.

As Captain Harper entered, Goddard was observed standing with his two hands upon a table. His attitude and expression constituted an open confession of guilt, and one of the officers was moved to ask, "Why did you do it?"

Without any show of emotion, and with his hands still holding his weight from the table, Goddard replied, "I don't know."

#### COVERED HIS TRACKS.

While Goddard was kept under surveillance of one of the police, Captain Harper had the bleeding man removed to a place in the middle of the floor, where he was examined by Dr. Thompson of the police force. He was still alive, but his life blood was swiftly flowing away, and as the physician knelt by his side a feeble gasp and a quickly appearing pallor indicated that all was over. Ten minutes after their arrival James Prater was dead.

#### CORNERING THE MURDERER.

Attention was then centered upon Goddard, and Captain Harper, taking him off his guard, abruptly inquired, "What did you strike him on the head with?"

"A hatchet," Goddard answered mechanically.

The captain swept the room with a glance, and seeing no hatchet there, went outside. There his search was quickly rewarded, for lying against the corner of an adjacent cabin was a large, sharp bladed hatchet; it showed evidence of having been recently washed, but specks of tell-tale blood still showed on the rust at the back of the head, where it had escaped the notice of the murderer. It was also evident that he had put the hatchet in the place where it was found with the purpose of having it dried by the sun.

#### THE CONFESSION COMPLETE.

In the meanwhile Corporal Wilson was searching the cabin for the weapon that had inflicted the wound on the neck. It was not the hatchet, for the flesh was cleanly cut and the head half severed from the trunk. In a few minutes his search was rewarded by the discovery, in one corner of the cabin, of a razor, which the officer put in his pocket.

Captain Harper then took the matter in hand again. "Where is the razor you put in your pocket with?" he demanded of Goddard.

Goddard, without any hesitation, walked over to the corner where the razor had been, and evidenced a sense of surprise when it did not appear in the spot where he had placed it. Then Corporal Wilson stepped forward, pulling the razor from his pocket at the same time.

"Is this it?" he asked, as he held it out.

"Yes," replied Goddard, "that is the one."

"Why did you do it?" next asked the captain.

"I was his partner and he was a traitor to me," was the response.

#### THE MURDERER IN JAIL.

Captain Harper then had Goddard taken to the barracks and locked up in a cell, where he was

visited, a few minutes later, by a representative of the NUGGET.

Goddard was in a fever of excitement and evidently realized to the fullest extent the enormity of his awful crime. He would not, however, be induced to talk, other than to say that he was a partner of Prater whom he had met at Juneau.

#### HE MAY BE CRAZY.

Goddard is a young man of about twenty-one years, and came into the Klondike with Prater and Hill last spring. He was practically without means at the time, and Prater constituted himself his guardian. He was evidently well bred and possessed a high degree of morality.

Last fall he was sent to Gold Run to represent a claim by Prater. It is said, in extenuation of his act of this morning, that he is insane, due to a gunshot wound received in the head before coming here.

James Prater, the murdered man, was a native of England, and was thirty-two years of age. He went to New York while a boy, and later removed to Alaska, where he followed the printing business until he came into the Klondike. His best work was done at Juneau, where he was foreman for a long time of the *Juneau Searchlight*. In disposition he was quiet and amiable, and generous to a fault. He leaves a father and sister at Seattle.

#### The Funeral.

The body, which lies at the undertaking establishment of Jenkins & Barker, is now under the care of the printing fraternity of the city, who, through a committee, have made arrangements for the funeral and secured funds therefor. It has been arranged that the burial will take place from the undertaker's this (Saturday) afternoon at one o'clock. Bishop Bumpas conducting the service from the Church of England rite at the grave.

The pall-bearers will be taken from the ranks of the printers. Prof. Fred Green, on behalf of the musicians, kindly offered to furnish a band for the occasion, but the tender was declined owing to the extremely sad features of the case. All friends of the deceased are invited to attend the obsequies.

#### The Stampeder's Return.

Say, partners, you ask of the Klondike fields, As the goal indicating your hopes, But I'll tell you how the thing succeeds, Before you're caught on the ropes.

I floated along on the river's tide, And I staid in the city of gold, But my grub was wet and mouldy too, While my clothes were growing old.

The fellows in luck had recorded claims, On the creeks that yielded the dust, I had to rustle to drive my stakes, Before I totally bust.

I saw the men on a wild stampede, And a skirt sometimes in the crowd, I took my pack and ran'd in the push, As fast as my strength allow'd.

I harry'd six time for ninety above, And I staid a son of-a-gun, But never a speck of gold was pan'd, By the time my grub was done.

I reciev'd a tip, so I chas'd again, And I circled over the hills, I travell'd by day and night the same, As I hit the clip that kills.

I reach'd the discovery, weary and sore, And I staid in the second below, But that was simply a fake stampede, With scarce a color to show.

I took the scent of another stampede, With my toes beginning to peel, But I only struck an eating house, With grub two dollars a meal.

And I tore around till the winter came, Yet I never work'd in the lead, The pay was stak'd by the others first, And I could only stampe.

I chased around from Dominion creek, To the Sulphur, Quartz and Carlyle; I monkey'd around the Coffee, too, Kentucky and Sixty Mile.

When I struck the pay a conflict arose, Or the claim was swip'd by the ring, The fever appear'd and bettry too, I couldn't accomplish a thing.

I recover'd with hardly a bean in sight, And the winter days were forlorn, The only work was chopping for board, I wish'd I'd never been born.

I had work'd a season to gain the mines, I'd paid my blood as the price, And then I had, for a winter job, The coming out on the ice.

For I had to leave by the winter route, To prevent my starving to death, And so I started with a loaded sled, As the frosts congeal'd my breath.

I was caught by storms, and I freezing reach'd, The established posts of the route, And that was the worst of all stampedes, I mind myself coming out.

For I threw aside my sled and my robes, In the desperate struggle that came, I tumbled into the Thirty-Mile, And my feet are frozen and lame.

And now, while I limp with half of my toes, And appear the picture of need, I swear I've had enough and to spare, Of the Klondike's mad stampede.

—ASA THURSTON HEDDEN.

#### A Correction.

DAWSON, Y. T., May 31, 1899.

ED. NUGGET: Dear Sir—In speaking of the Forty-Mile excursion in your last issue you mention the firm of Cooper & O'Brien as having chartered the steamer Tyrrell. We wish to inform you that this is a mistake, as the whole management of the excursion trip was under the direction of the officers of the British American Corporation, who are owners of the steamer Tyrrell. Trusting this will rectify a wrong impression, we remain, very truly yours, COOPER & O'BRIEN.

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# THE NUGGET UPHELD.

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the official representative of a great and friendly power. In his capacity as American consul he had performed many acts of a public nature, and hence could be considered in no other light than as a public man. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out to the jury that the private acts of any man are not open to publication. Whatever acts, for instance, occurred within his own house and outside his official capacity could not be commented upon. In this instance it had been shown that Col. McCook had committed the acts alleged and proven while in a public saloon. Still he was acting in his capacity as a private citizen and not as a public officer. The jury must exercise its own discretion in determining whether the Krocant had gone beyond proper limits in publishing what had transpired in the saloon.

Should the jury find that the responsibility for the publication of the libelous articles had been sufficiently well established and that the publication of the articles and cartoon in question had been actuated from malicious motives, and not out of consideration for the public good, it must return a verdict of guilty.

Should it find, on the other hand, that the articles and cartoon were true and their publication had been warranted for the sake of the public good then they should return a verdict of not guilty.

At the conclusion of the judge's instructions the jury retired to deliberate. At the end of an hour the foreman appeared and announced that a verdict had been reached. Judge Dugas ascended the bench, and the jury was brought in. On inquiring of the clerk of the court, the foreman rose and stated that a verdict of "not guilty" had been found. The crowd which had been in attendance all day remained to hear the verdict, which, from the faces and expressions of all, was eminently satisfactory. The case of McCook vs. A. F. George was then called. The same jury was retained, and, without hearing further evidence or argument, found the defendant not guilty.

E. C. Allen, manager of the Nugget, leaves for Seattle Saturday. He will make a quick business trip in the interests of the Nugget and Nugget Express, expecting to return about July 10th. Mr. Allen will attend to the forwarding of the new plant, and machinery which has already been ordered for the Nugget, and upon his return the Nugget will be enlarged to accommodate its growing business.

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FOUND—On Bonanza trail, book belonging to Mr. Delaney. Owner can receive same at this office.

FOUND by Z. T. Holden, a box of glass, size 7x10; just above Lake Lebarge. Call at Town Station N. W. M. P.

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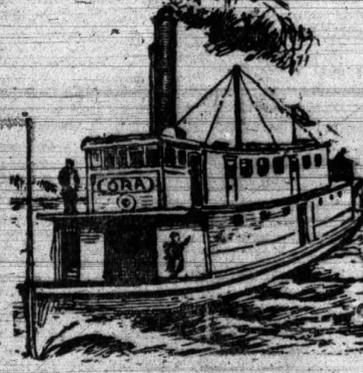
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